

I-57 and IL 17 Interchange at Kankakee

Public Involvement October 2020

Comments and responses

Effective as of 10/12/2020

Comment received 10/02/2020 from Robert Schoppen (property owner):

Please provide noise barriers to the neighborhood. The road is already noisy and you are improving it with the expectation of more use and more noise. You are taking away all direct access to IL 17 from Hammes Street, please consider your total impact on our community.

Response dated 10/07/2020

A noise barrier has been found to be reasonable and feasible along your property but solicitation of feedback from benefitted receptors must take place during the Design phase (Phase II) of the project before a final determination on noise barrier construction can be made. Information regarding the noise study process is attached and additional information can be found on the project website.

Access from Hammes Avenue to IL 17 will be removed as part of the City of Kankakee's East Court Street Gateway Signage Project. This project will separate Hammes Avenue from IL 17 and will provide signing and landscaping along IL 17. Access to IL 17 will remain available nearby at St. Joseph Avenue and Fairmount Avenue. Please note that the interchange project proposed to remove access to IL 17 from Hammes also due to the close proximity to the single point intersection.

A copy of your comments and this response are being provided to the City of Kankakee for their information as it relates to the Gateway Signage Project and to the local street network in general.

Comment received 10/05/2020 from Robert Grossi (Kankakee School District 111):

Project start date, project end date. Will all projects be done simultaneously? Will traffic be allowed during construction? Where will traffic be diverted to?

Response dated 10/07/2020

The Interchange Reconstruction project is not currently funded for construction so there is no project start or end date at this time. It is anticipated that it would be at least two years before detailed design could be completed and land acquisition, which is unfunded, would need to take place prior to construction as well. The interchange reconstruction is anticipated to take two to three construction seasons to complete.

Some portions of the overall project may be completed separately. Construction funding is identified in the Fiscal Year 2021 to 2026 Proposed Highway Improvement Program for replacement of the Waldron Road overhead only. Other portions of the project may be completed before or after the main interchange reconstruction due to road or structure condition or other factors.

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The project proposes to use stage construction which would maintain traffic by reconstructing roadways and bridges in sections and allowing traffic to use the lanes that are not currently under construction. Some temporary closure of local streets and entrances may be required but will be coordinated to maintain access through the duration of construction. Detailed staging plans will be developed as part of the Phase II design.